

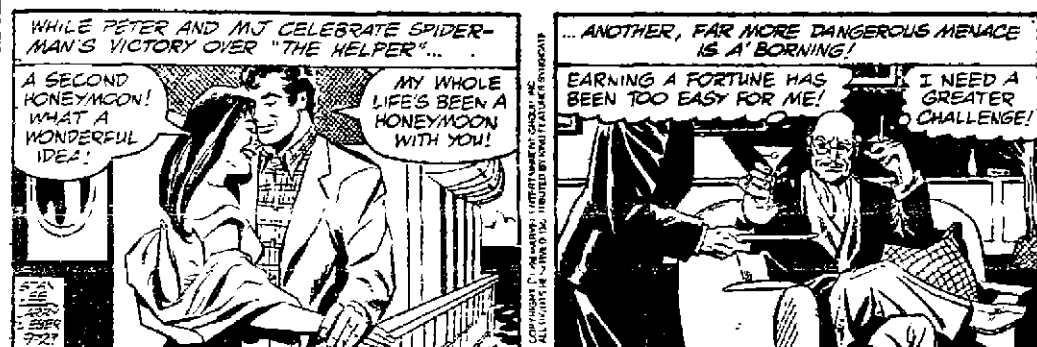
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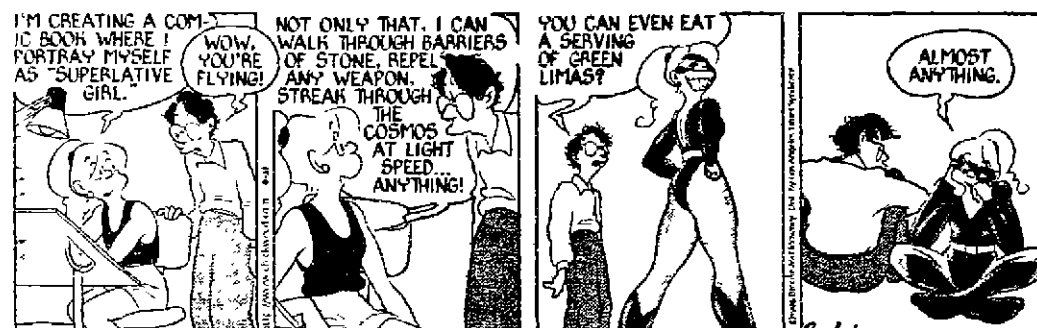
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



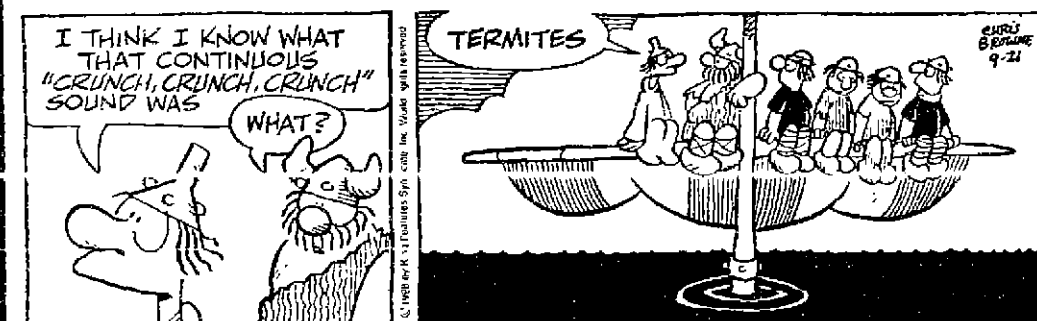
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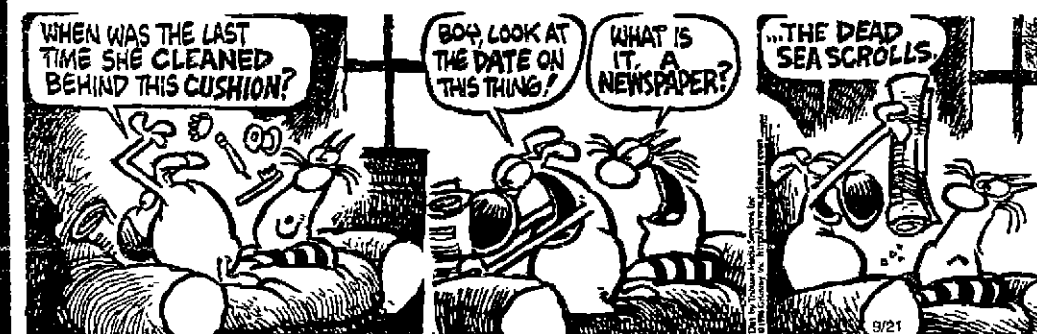
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



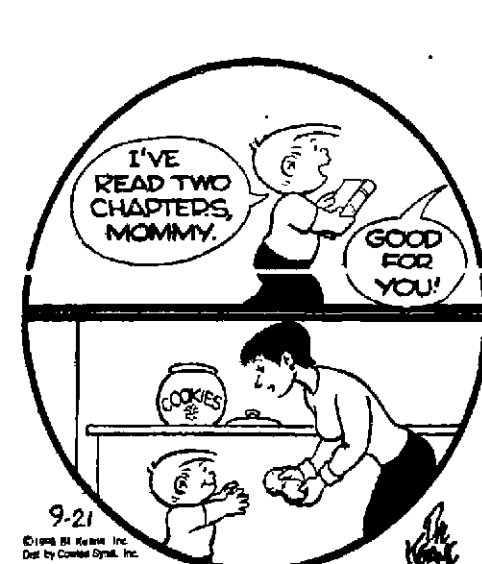
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



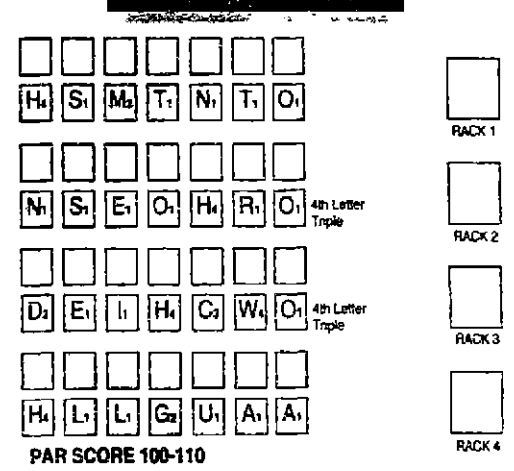
Today's Birthdays

Cartoon animator Chuck Jones is 86. Actor Larry Hagman is 67. Actor-comedian Henry Gibson is 63. Author Fantine Faggs is 34. Author Stephen King is 51. Musician Don Felder (The Eagles) is 51. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 48. Actor Rob Morrow is 38. Country singer Faith Hill is 31. Rock musician Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) is 31. Actress-talk show host Ricki Lake is 30. Rapper Trugoy the Dove (De La Soul) is 30.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and CSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-21-98 ©1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Contains the letters of "Karen"

I O L I G D B Y W T R P M N K
I F D B Y W K U S Q O M K E I
F D B Z X G R E E N B A C K W
S U S Q O A A E N I L J N R H
N F D C N A W Y T K W A A A V
E R T K O R E A N S B S M D Q
A L E P N E N I A R K U E L K
K D K K N I T W E A R N K I H
E F E N N C B V D E N M A R K
R Z Y W A A I V U B S R R R Q
P A K S A R B E N N M L B J P

Saturday's unlisted clue: CUBA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: ATHLETIC SHOE

Banker Denmark Nebraska Rankie
Beatskin Greenback Newark Riverbank
Brakeman Knitwear Prankster Ukraine
Darken Korean Ranked

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HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be sure to grab a the new opportunity that suddenly presents itself. Toss out the old and make way for the new.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take some time out to do something special for you and you alone. If you do, that person who's been grating on your nerves will seem far less irritating.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have no problem juggling the many social commitments and new projects you decide to take on.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you have been considering a change in your domestic situation, an unexpected opportunity to do so will arise.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't let a smooth-talking stranger sweep you off your feet with his or her charm.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Be sure to consider what you really want, rather than being swayed by the opinions of another.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Self-indulgent behavior becomes extremely satisfying to your soul. Just be sure you're not leaving others waiting.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) When it comes to your career, remember that team players are valued far more than prima donnas. Accept your shortcomings.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Everyone thinks you have the inside story when really you're in the dark. However, this illusion of power makes you attractive to a certain someone.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Be careful you don't vent your frustrations with a business situation on a loved one unfairly. If you must moan, at least be rational.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Remember that bargains don't always make the best investments, and take your time mulling over that purchase.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) An old emotional issue will unexpectedly come to the forefront. Fortunately, a relative provides a sympathetic ear.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"Why did you play the clubs before you tried the diamonds?" asked the optimist. "Because the club finesse could lose only if West had the king," replied the pessimist. "If I try a finesse in diamonds, I could lose a finesse to either opponent. Why should I choose a line that gives me two chances to lose instead of one?" Only a pessimist could concoct such "logic." West led a spade from his long suit, and the pessimist ducked in dummy, certain East would have the king. As it is for pessimists, his fears came true. East won his king and returned a spade to clear the suit. With no margin for any slips, the pessimist led dummy's club 10, closed his eyes and took the finesse. Again a black king was offside, and the defenders took five tricks before South took two. "I can understand your reluctance to finesse in diamonds," explained the optimist. "However, you didn't have to risk a finesse. You could have improved your chances by combining the play of both minors." To combine his chances in both suits, South should cash his diamond ace and dummy's king instead of finessing. If the queen doesn't fall singleton or doubleton (about a 33 percent chance), he falls back on the 50-50 club finesse. In today's layout, East's diamond queen drops doubleton, making the club finesse unnecessary. South wins one spade, two hearts, five diamonds and the club ace for nine tricks.

NORTH 08-21-A
♦ A 6
♥ K 4 2
♦ K J 10 9 6
♠ K 9 8

WEST EAST
♦ J 9 7 5 2 ♦ K 10 8 3
♥ J 8 3 ♥ Q 9 7 6
♦ 4 3 2 ♦ Q 5
♠ K 7 ♠ 5 4 2

SOUTH
♦ Q 4
♥ A 10 5
♦ A 8 7
♠ A Q Q Q Q

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade five

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0810

ACROSS

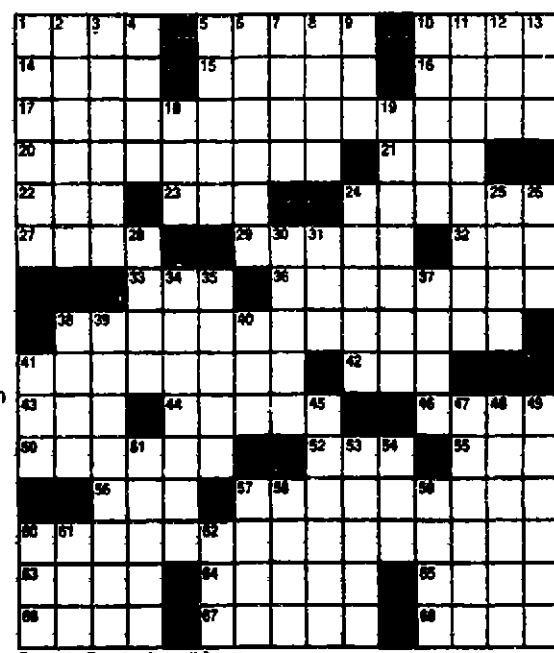
- 1 "Spare" items at a barbecue
5 Popular athletic shoes
10 Bullets and such
14 Melville tale
15 Beagle with a beat
16 Many a Seattle weather forecast
17 Classic pickup line #1
20 "Six Days, Seven Nights" co-star
21 Early night, to a poet
22 Permit: Abbr.
23 Prefix with -metric
24 Heavy hammer
27 Proofreader's mark
29 Not glossy, as a photo
32 Captain Morgan's drink
33 "Norma" —
34 Dish served under glass
36 Classic pickup line #2
41 Geometric measurement
42 What Yahoo! searches, with "the"
43 Whichever
44 — off coupon
46 Mets stadium
50 Directs (to)
52 Ecot. watchdog
56 The "I" in T.G.I.F.
58 Prefix with skeleton
57 Numbers usually in parentheses
60 Classic pickup line #3
63 Pitcher
64 Genesis woman and namesakes
65 Allen of "Candid Camera"
66 Smart-mouthed
67 Cove
69 Fr. holy women

DOWN

- 1 Kansas City team
2 "Consider it done."
3 Dribble
4 Achy
5 City where van Gogh painted
6 Broadcasting giant
7 Ruler unit
8 Poet and novelist James

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PEALE PEACHTREE
OLMOS ANNIHALL
WEEPS LONGLIVED
HOLE TAKE DRIVE
ANG GETTIT ASNER
TOOKAREST STEN
ARRIVES ESE
NANTES MASADA
NAM DYNAMIC
AERO EVERCLEAR
JULEP DUNNE OLO
MELTIE TUNKE GLETS
DOCSAVAGE FLODS
ERIECANAL BOWIE
DATAENTRY SPANS



Puzzle by Brendan Emmett Quigley

- 20 Car on rails
30 To the left, to sailors
31 Fri. precursor
34 Suffered humiliation
36 — Park, Colo.
37 Takes a chair
38 Soave, e.g.
39 Spring woe
40 Liking
48 Chum
49 Went into seclusion
40 Endless, poetically
41 Liabilities
42 Opposites
43 Put forth, as effort
44 — Blue Ribbon
45 Smashing point?
57 "You said it, brother!"
58 Sincere
59 Murders, stangly
60 Cool, once
61 Wonderment
62 — Lily and Company

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"MY FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES WORE OUT."